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#### WHO TAFT IS

By WALTER J. BALLARD.

Without doubt the strongest and most suitable available man before the American people for election as president in November, 1908, is William Howard Taft, nominally secretary of war, but really representative-at-large of Americanism in all its best phases, and trusted as fully by the American people as he is by his commanding officer, the president.

Born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 15, 1857, William Howard Taft is a son of the late Alphonso Taft, who was judge of the superior court, Cincinnati, 1865 to 1871; secretary of war, 1875-1876; attorney-general, 1876-1877; United States minister to Russia, 1885-

Passing through all the grades of the public schools of Cincinnati, William Howard Taft graduated from the Woodward high school in 1874. Then in Yale university for four years, graduating in June, 1878, with the degree of bachelor of arts; second, or salutatorian in a class of 121; also elected as class orator. Entered the law school of Cincinnati college in 1878, graduating in 1880 with the degree of B. L. and dividing the first prize.

In May, 1880, William Howard Taft was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Ohio. For about a year he served as law reporter on the Cincinnati Times, and subsequently the Cincinnati Commercial. Appointed assistant prosecuting attorney in January, 1881. Resigned in March, 1882, to become collector of internal revenue, first district, Ohio, under President Arthur. Resigned the collectorship in March, 1883, to enter the practice of law. Continued his law practice till March, 1887, holding in the meantime, from January, 1885, the office of assistant county solicitor of Hamilton county. Appointed in March, 1887, judge superior court of Cincinnati, to fill a resignation vacancy. Elected in April, 1888, to succeed himself for five years. Resigned in February, 1890, to become solicitor-general of the United States under President Harrison. This office Mr. Taft relinquished in March, 1892, to become United States circuit judge for the sixth judicial district and ex-officio member of the circuit court of appeals of the sixth district. In June, 1893, Yale university honored him with the degree of LL. D. In 1896 he became also professor and dean of the law department of the University of Cincinnati.

In March, 1900, came the event which has given the American people the benefit of the invaluable services of William Howard Taft along political and governmental lines. A great charge was upon our nation, namely, to bring order out of chaos in the Philippines, with all the world looking on, ready to criticize every move we made. The confidence of the people to win, a confidence hard to secure, because 400 years of Spanish oppression had created an inborn suspicion of everything new, and especially of everything foreign, was essential. To that great task President McKinley called William Howard Taft-called him from a life of peace and quietness to a life of turbulence and worry as first president (and organizer) of the United States Philippine commission. The next year, July 4, 1901, by appointment of President McKinley, Mr. Taft became the first civil governor of the Philippine Islands. Space forbids the enumeration of the able and loyal service he rendered in those positions, not only to his country but also to the islands and their people, until in November, 1901, he was forced by illness to turn over the office of governor to Vice-Governor Wright. In December, 1901, by order of the secretary of war, Mr. Taft came to Washington to testify before the senate committee on the Philippines and the house committee on insular affairs. His testimony before those two committees lasted six weeks and was most favorably received by the committees, the press and the country. It stands today as authoritative on Philippine matters.

In February, 1902, the University of Pennsylvania honored itself and Mr. Taft by conferring upon him the degree of LL. D. Both Harvard and Miami universities did likewise in 1905.

On May 17, 1902, by order of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, Mr. Taft sailed from the United States to Rome on a most delicate mission-to confer with Pope Leo XIII. concerning the purchase by the United States of the agricultural lands belonging to religious orders in the Philippines. He held conference with the committee of eardinals over two months-June and July-and reached a general basis of agreement. The importance of this successful and completed negotiation is obvious, telling for all time in our holding and administration of those valuable and necessary possessions. This piece of work alone proves conclusively that William Howard Taft has all the high diplomatic qualities necessary to make a successful president. Of his executive ability there is no question. It has been shown in a hundred ways in the Philippines, in the war department and in the several offices he held prior to entrance into political life.

Returning to the Philippines in August, 1902, Mr. Taft took up the work temporarily laid down and resumed office as civil governor till December 23, 1903, when he sailed for the United States to become secretary of war, which important office he still holds.

With Secretar Taft's able work since his return home the American nation and the world are familiar. His visit to Panama in November and December, 1904; his tour of inspection of the Philippine Islands in the summer of 1905, with a party of senators and representatives; his crisis mission to Cuba last fall under direction of the president by means of which revolution was nipped in the bud; his temporary service as provisional governor of that island; his visit to Panama, Cuba and Porto Rico in March and April, 1907, fixing certain difficulties which had arisen. In each of these cases the emergency found the man. and that man was William Howard Taft. In June and November, 1908, emergency will again be seeking a man and will again find

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